

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 11-21 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-3, 6-9, 11-12, and 16-18 were rejected. Claims 4-5, 13-15, and 19-21 were objected to but indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 10 was cancelled in a preliminary amendment.

Claims 1, 4, 9, 13, 17, and 19 have been amended, as described below.

The Examiner is thanked for the Office Action, and for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-3, 7-9, 11-12, and 16-18 were rejected as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,707,367 to *Castenada, et al.* ("Castenada"). Claim 6 was rejected as obvious over Castenada.

Claims 1, 9, and 17 have been amended to include the subject matter indicated by the Examiner as allowable, from claims 4, 13, and 19, respectively. Therefore, these claims, and all claims depending from them, are believed to be allowable in current form.

Claims 4, 13, and 19 have been amended to recite new limitations, and to depend from respective independent claims.

All rejections are therefore believed to be moot, and are traversed. All claims are believed to be allowable.

SUMMARY


If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *wmunck@davismunck.com*.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication (including any extension of time fees) or credit any overpayment to Davis Munck Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

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